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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: SELECTION OF INDIVIDUALS FROM A  
POOL OF CANDIDATES IN A  
COMPETITION SYSTEM

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Examiner: J. P. Ouellette

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2005 for which a response was due on November 24, 2005. A request for a three month extension of time is included herewith. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 22 of this paper.